

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed remarks and analysis. Applicant is submitting concurrently with this response a petition for revival as unintentionally abandoned. Applicant has made changes to the specification and claims to clarify the claims and correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Applicant has addressed each objection made by the Examiner below, and requests a teleconference with the Examiner to clarify any further changes that may be required.

Drawings

Figure 2 has been amended to clarify that the determination of an authorized system service is performed by the rights management portion indicated at 2. As is discussed in the specification, the mode of operation 4 provides an indication of the current mode of operation, which in turn is used by the rights management 2 in view of the rules stored as table 3. The support for this revision is found in at least paragraphs 22 and 23. This change does not add new matter.

Specification

The specification has been amended to correct several minor informalities noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The claims have been amended to correct several informalities noted by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

§112 Rejection

Claims 11 and 12 define vertical and horizontal integration. These terms are defined in the specification. Moreover the specification has been amended to clarify these terms. Vertical arbitration is the selection of which of several types of physical inputs are accepted. In the disclosed example, the example physical inputs include pressure (p), current (I) and an on/off signal (E/A). This is explained in at least paragraph 26. Horizontal arbitration is the second arbitration step and occurs after the type of physical input is determined (vertical arbitration) and relates to a selection of one of the systems providing the physical input selected in the vertical arbitration step. This is

described in at least paragraph 27 of the specification. The specification and claims have been amended to clarify these features. No new matter has been added.

Claim 9 has been amended to recite determination of authorization of a system service for a current mode of operation. This feature is described in the specification in at least paragraph 24. No new matter is added by these amendments. Moreover, corresponding amendments have been made to the various dependent claims.

Further, claims 9-16 have been amended to correct the various antecedent issues. Claim 14 has been amended to clarify the clause relating to the brake system.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C. for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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